unable to take care of themselves and do not have means to live a decent and happy life. They are being ignored by their kith and kin and near and dear ones who have left them to fend for themselves and compelled them to lead a lonely and disappointed life. Though section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, provides for maintenance allowance that the senior citizens can claim, but in actual practice, majority of them are not aware of these provisions.

Sir, nowadays, another alarming trend which is emerging is that lonely or coupled senior citizens are being murdered either for their property or for other reasons and are also being robbed of their valuables. They have become an easy target of criminals. It has become very necessary to provide them security and protection from every angle, both by the respective State Governments and the Central Government.

Sir, for this purpose, the Government should evove the following action plan to help the senior citizens to lead an honourable existence: Establish senior citizen homes; Provide financial assistance to the needy persons; Provide free legal assistance in deserving cases; Provide free medical and other related facilities to the needy; and frame stringent measures to make their own wards to contribute for the welfare of their parents.

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रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री तथा इस्पात मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): महोदय, मैं विभाग-संबंधित कोयला और इस्पात संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति के छठे प्रतिवेदन में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति के संबंध में वक्तव्य सभा पटल पर रखता हूं।

Status of Implementation of Recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development And